

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

In the Office Action issued December 27, 2005, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, 14, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,408,659 to Cavendish et al. (Cavendish). Claims 7, 11-13, 16, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cavendish in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,177,936 to Cragun (Cragun).

Claims 1, 2, 4-14, and 16-19 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 14, and 17 have been amended to more particularly point out the subject matter that the inventor considers to be the invention.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10, 14, 17, and 18 is not anticipated by Cavendish. Cavendish discloses a link pane class and application framework for use in a personal computer provided with at least two independent applications made available to a user at a graphic user interface, a desktop located icon, one or more, is shown so that the user may easily implement the link into one or the other of the available applications. The icon is implemented and the link defined by a click and drag manipulation by the user. In particular, the only mechanism disclose or suggested by Cavendish for causing a link to be defined requires clicking and dragging an icon.

By contrast, the present invention, for example, according to claim 1, requires cause the processing system to enter a link defining mode and display a second

applications window, the causing of the processing system to display the second applications window causing the processing system to define a link between the first and second applications windows in response to displaying the second applications window. Cavendish does not disclose or suggest defining a link wherein the causing of the processing system to display the second applications window causes the processing system to define the link. Rather, the Cavendish discloses clicking and dragging an icon as a necessary step in defining the link.

Thus, the present invention, according to claim 1, and according to claims 8, 14 and 17, which are similar to claim 1, and according to claims 2, 4-6, 9-10, and 18, which depend therefrom, is not anticipated by Cavendish.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to claims 7, 11-13, 16, and 19 is not unpatentable over Cavendish in view of Cragun because even if Cavendish and Cragun were combined as suggested by the Examiner, the result would not be the present invention as claimed. Cavendish does not disclose or suggest defining a link wherein the causing of the processing system to display the second applications window causes the processing system to define the link. Likewise, Cragun does not disclose or suggest defining a link wherein the causing of the processing system to display the second applications window causes the processing system to define the link. Thus, the combination of Cavendish and Cragun still does not disclose or suggest this claimed feature of the present invention.

Thus, the present invention, according to claim 1, and according to claims 7, 11, 16, and 19, and according to claims 12-13, which depend from claim 11, is not unpatentable over Cavendish in view of Cragun.

Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19111.0055).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Schwartz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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